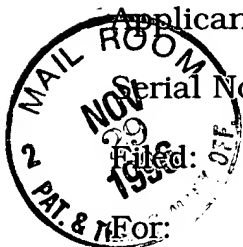


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Responsive to the Official Action dated May 30, 1996, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

**In the Specification**

Before the first line, cancel the previously added sentence and insert the following sentence instead: --This application is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/321,488, filed October 12, 1994, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/252,628, filed May 31, 1994, which is a continuation-in part of application Serial No. 08/221,768, filed March 31, 1994, abandoned, each of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--

Page 17, line 1, after "MGDF-1" insert --(amino acids 1-332 of SEQ ID NO: 25)--; lines 2-3, after "MGDF-2" insert --(amino acids 1-174 of SEQ ID NO: 25)--; line 2, change "173" to --174--; line 4 after "MGDF-3" insert --(amino acids 1-265 of SEQ ID NO: 27)--

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